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To: St Mary's Grocery Rescue Agency Partners

Re: Poundage Reporting

As a part of our agreement with Feeding America, St Mary's Food Bank Alliance (SMFBA) is required to provide service to any grocery store chain with a national contract with Feeding America, and under that agreement, we are required to report all donated pounds to Feeding America, who then reports the pounds back to the donors at the national level. Because of this requirement, we need to ensure that all partner agencies have a signed Grocery Rescue Agreement, and are reporting on all of the donations that they receive from store pick-ups from the following grocery chains with national contracts with Feeding America:

- AJ's
- Albertsons/Safeway
- Basha's
- Bimbo/Holsum/Oroweat/Sara Lee
- Costco
- CVS
- El Super
- Food City
- Fry's
- Los Altos
- Natural Grocers
- Panera Bread/Paradise Bakery
- Pepperidge Farms
- Sam's Club
- Smith's
- Sprouts Farmers Market
- Target
- Trader Joes
- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Whole Foods

If your agency is picking up donations at any of these grocery donors, and you **DO NOT** have a St. Mary's issued Agency Grocery Rescue number (GR) you will have to sign a GR agreement, be trained on, and report poundage through MealConnect. SMFBA will provide you with the Donor Numbers (DN) for any store on the list from which you pick up donations. You will also need to provide SMFBA Agency Services with a copy of your Food Handlers or ServSafe certifications for your drivers and comply with food safety precaution throughout transportation, storage and distribution to maintain the integrity of the commodities received. We greatly appreciate you helping us to comply with these requirements.

Thank you for your valued partnership in the Grocery Rescue Program. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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